REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	19 May 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Ophelia Editions 1997 Catalog
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Ophelia Editions
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Catalogue
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The catalogue entitled *Ophelia Editions 1997 Catalog* is classified as objectionable. This is because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

The catalogue provides a review of particular publications selected for their portrayal or description of children's and young persons' sexuality. The reviews highlight the eroticisation of children and young persons. In addition, some publications advertised promote paedophilia and reject a view that children are abused when involved sexually with adults.

The advertising of publications purported to eroticise children and young persons or describe them as being viable sexual partners is exploitative.

For these reasons the publication is deemed objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classifications Act 1993. In this instance, the classification overrides the rights and freedoms outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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